



**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS DIVISION  
INFORMATION BULLETIN**

**ATTENTION: GENERATORS OF USED OIL FILTERS**

USED OIL FILTERS CAN NO LONGER BE DISPOSED OF INTO THE DUMPSTER OR TRASH!  
CONTACT YOUR WASTE OIL HAULER REGARDING DISPOSAL OPTIONS!

USED OIL FILTERS are filters which contain a residue of used oil. Used oil filters can be generated from an automobile, motorcycle, truck, bus, recreational vehicle, train, boat, and many other types of equipment, including non-vehicular equipment.

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There are two options available to the generator for the management of USED OIL FILTERS. The generator can manage USED OIL FILTERS as:

1. HAZARDOUS WASTE, **OR**
2. NON-HAZARDOUS WASTE, IF **ALL** OF THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS ARE MET:
  - The used oil filters are drained of all free flowing oil.
  - The drained used oil filters are transferred for the purposes of metal reclamation.
  - The drained oil filters are accumulated, stored and transported in a closed rainproof container that is capable of containing any used oil that leaks out.
  - The container storing drained oil filters is labeled as "**drained used oil filters**" and shows the initial date of accumulation.
  - The storage of drained used oil filters on site is limited to one year or 90 days after one ton has been accumulated, which ever is shorter.
  - Persons generating, transporting, or receiving used oil filters shall use a Bill of Lading to record the transfer of used oil filters.
  - Used oil that is drained from the used oil filters shall be managed in accordance with Article 13, Chapter 6.5, Division 20 of the Health & Safety Code.

There are haulers, both registered hazardous waste haulers and nonhazardous waste haulers, available to transport drained used oil filters either as a hazardous waste or as recyclable metal.

**IT IS AGAINST THE LAW TO DISPOSE OF USED OIL FILTERS INTO THE DUMPSTER OR TRASH.**

Please feel free to contact the Hazardous Materials Division Duty Specialist at (619) 338-2231, Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for any additional information.